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## Message from the Executive Head

*Every child can fall in love with learning and keep on learning for life.*

Congratulations to all the MS achievers who received Academic Term Awards on the last day of school. We know that each scholar worked very hard and we commend them for their efforts. Well done to Luke Steyn who received Full Colours for achieving three Level 2 times in swimming. HS scholars are waiting for external exam results. Although scholars and staff now have a well-deserved break, some scholars are revising and preparing for next term and most staff members are either preparing lessons or are undergoing training in their subject areas. We received very positive feedback from our staff members who attended HS Cambridge Science and Maths training sessions online and in Johannesburg and would love to hear more about the English and Afrikaans Cambridge training sessions which will take place in Cape Town during the holiday.

We wish Mr Silk and the KZN Midlands Youth Choir a wonderful time in Greece. Five Wembley members of this choir are also on tour: Mia Schneider, Christopher Silk, Brielle Swanlow, Snqobile Sokhela and Michelle Meister. The MS Land Service scholars are attending a Provincial Land Service Camp at Rosedale, Richmond, in the holidays. Mrs Bezuidenhout is so proud of their excellent manners and good behaviour. We hope they have a great time! Mrs Surendorff and Mr Strydom are honing their artistic skills, painting the backdrop for the Middle School play. The end-product is going to be amazing!

Professional learning is as important as student learning. We will be implementing a Harvard Staff Mentoring and Coaching system at Wembley from the beginning of the third term. The goal is for staff members to support each other and build trusting relationships in a personal capacity, but also to provide professional guidance in the classroom, consisting of regular class visits, check-ins and assisting each other in areas where teachers feel they are ready to move to the next level in classroom instruction. We aim to provide a world-class system of support for professional learning at our school.





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Wembley College is one of the 15 Cambridge schools chosen to take part in the Cambridge Online Assessment programme. Training for teachers will commence on 1 August. This will open a whole new world of possibilities for Wembley.

We are very excited to announce that we are partnering with Kingswood International School in Paris, France. This school is also using the Cambridge Curriculum and their principal Ms Marquet and the Science and Biology teacher, are very enthusiastic about growing a connection and forming a friendship with Wembley scholars and staff. Initially we will start off with online class- and staff meetings with the prospect of developing a scholar- and staff exchange programme.

We are transforming career support at Wembley by exploring multiple pathways to careers for the 21<sup>st</sup> century which are suited to each scholar's specific needs. The profile we established for each HS scholar is extremely helpful in plotting progress and there are regular individual meetings with scholars to give feedback and discuss results of career assessments. This is a valuable tool to align capabilities, interests, expectations and career opportunities in South Africa and abroad. Wembley is in the process of registering to become a UCAS Centre, which helps scholars to find suitable Universities and Colleges for further studies overseas. Mr Taljaard is very talented at doing the necessary research and finding the right fit for each scholar. If you need any advice regarding subject choices and Tertiary Education choices, please contact us.

*"We spend most of our waking lives at work, so it's important that we do what we love and love what we do."* Richard Branson

We would like to thank all our parents and staff members who took part in the recent SWOT analysis. It is a very helpful tool and was used at a Wembley Strategic Planning meeting at Board Level.

We said a very sad goodbye to Mrs Hutchinson, Mrs Hagroo and Miss Steyn and wish them the very best for their new adventures. Miss Lisa Randelhoff and Mr Dirk Swanepoel will be moving to Greytown during the holidays and Mrs Heidi Scholtz has been appointed as HS Maths Tutor at Wembley for two periods each day.





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Look back at a very successful term on the sport field at Wembley. Mr Schwikkard organised numerous festivals on the Wembley fields and visitors commented on our

beautiful grounds and the good manners of our scholars when they brought their children to play in the very successful tennis tournament.

Enjoy the break with your children. We look forward to an amazing Term 3 at Wembley.

Kind regards,

**L van der Walt**  
**Executive Head**

